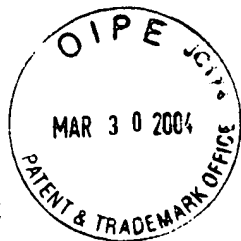


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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ICHIRO OKUMURA, ET AL.	)	
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Application No.: 10/802,819	)	
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Filed: March 18, 2004	)	
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For: MANIPULATOR HAVING ARM	)	March 30, 2004
MECHANISM FOR HAND	:	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>	<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
Ichiro Okumura, et al.	10/799,595	March 15, 2004

A copy of the above-identified application is enclosed.


Japanese Document No. 6-170761 relates to a micromanipulator formed of a pair of hand modules, each having a base member 2, an end effector 3 and a finger 5. Each hand module also includes a plurality of links 6 and springs 7 that form a pivot coupling.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

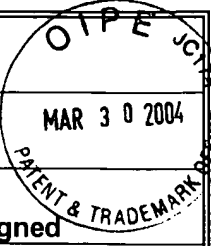
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